

ORLANDO & LOURDES





DEAR EXPECTANT PARENT,

As we begin creating this book for you, our hearts are full. We want to honor your strength and the love guiding you through this deeply emotional journey. Even without knowing you yet, we admire your courage and the selflessness behind considering adoption.

We're Orlando and Lourdes, two people who built a life rooted in love, laughter, and kindness. We met and grew up in Puerto Rico, and after more than 18 years of marriage, our home has become a place of warmth, joy, and unwavering support. Thank you for taking a moment to meet us through these pages.

With love and respect,
Orlando & Lourdes

ABOUT US

We met twenty years ago while spending time with friends at a little restaurant in Puerto Rico. One conversation turned into hours, and it felt as if we had known each other our whole lives. Just six months later, we were engaged. It happened quickly, but our connection was clear, and we both knew we were ready to start building a life and future together.



We married in March 2007 in Puerto Rico, surrounded by the people we love. A week later, we moved to Florida to start our life together. Leaving home wasn't easy, but that leap strengthened us and fueled our drive to build a future side by side.

OUR RELATIONSHIP

From the very beginning, we realized how much we had in common such as our values, our humor, and our deep love for family. Our relationship has always been rooted in respect, laughter, and working through life side by side.



We cherish our time together, whether we're traveling somewhere new, relaxing at the beach with our dog Lucia, or enjoying a quiet day at home. We surround ourselves with the people who mean the most to us, and we're so excited to one day welcome a child into that same warmth, joy, and love.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

We feel incredibly lucky to be surrounded by a loving, supportive circle of family and friends who bring joy, laughter, and strength into our lives.



Our families have always been a central part of who we are, from holiday traditions to weekend gatherings, and they are overjoyed about our plans to adopt.



OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

*Over the years, both
childhood and new friends
have become like extended
family to us.*

*We are deeply grateful for
this community of love, and
we know that our future child
will grow up surrounded by
the same care, support, and
warmth that surrounds us
every day.*



Our Home & Neighborhood



We love our home! It's a cozy one-story house with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, lots of natural light, and a fenced backyard where we play with our puppy Lucia or have weekend BBQs.

Our neighborhood is friendly and family-oriented, with lakes, big trees, and green spaces. We're close to parks, beaches, schools, and work. Over the five years we've lived here, our neighbors have become friends, and we love being part of this caring, welcoming community.

LUCIA

Our home wouldn't feel complete without our puppy, Lucia. She brings so much joy, love, and laughter into our lives every day.



Lucia is a 3-year-old golden doodle full of energy and affection. She loves trips to the beach, playing with her ball, and spending time with people, other dogs, and children. Her sweet, gentle personality makes her a beloved part of our family.



We know Lucia will be a loving companion to our future child a furry best friend who will share in all the fun, love, and adventures ahead.

OUR INTERESTS, HOBBIES, AND DAILY LIFE

We live a balanced, active life filled with routines that keep us grounded. During the week, we work and stay active. Orlando goes to the gym and Lourdes plays tennis. In the evenings, we wind down by cooking dinner and relaxing together. Weekends are slower and filled with the things we enjoy most, like long walks, the farmers market, beach days, time with friends and family, and exploring new restaurants. Orlando loves anything outdoors, including surfing, sailing, cooking, and photography. Lourdes enjoys tennis, hiking, baking, and planning our next adventure. Together, we love traveling, cooking, golfing, hiking, and taking peaceful beach walks with our dog, Lucia.



FAMILY TRADITIONS & HOLIDAYS



Our family treasures time together, from weekly dinners to keeping our Puerto Rican traditions alive in Florida. We celebrate a long Christmas season with family dinners, breakfast at our niece's on Christmas Day, and Epiphany in January. We can't wait to share these traditions and make new memories with our future child.





WHY ADOPTION



We have always dreamed of becoming parents and creating a loving family. After facing challenges with fertility, we took time to grow together and realized that our hearts were ready to love a child. We've learned that what matters most is not how a child comes into our lives, but the love we can give. Adoption feels like the path we were meant to take, and we are so excited to share our home, our lives, and our adventures with a child.

We promise your child will always feel deeply loved, supported, and valued for who they are. We will honor their story, celebrate their background and culture, and be present in every step of their life, offering unconditional love and guidance.

We are profoundly grateful for your courage and the love guiding your decision.



OUR LOVE

About Orlando by Lourdes

Orlando is a caring and loving husband, friend and son. For me I think he's one of the funniest person I know, he makes me laugh everyday :) Orlando loves to enjoy his free time surfing, hiking and cooking. I admire his dedication to family and am so proud of everything he has accomplished in his professional life. He brings joy, stability and laughter into every day. I know he will be a very present and devoted dad and can't wait to see him share those same qualities with our future child.



About Lourdes by Orlando

Marietta (family/friends call her by her middle name) just has this amazing way of making everyone around her feel cared for which is one of the many things I love about her. She's an empathetic listener, kind, and always supportive when you need it most. She also happens to find me funny (even though I'm really not!), and we spend so much time laughing together. Our home feels light and happy because of her.

I've seen Marietta be that friend and family member everyone can count on. She has a strong sense of family and community, values I know she will pass on to our child.

Marietta is my best friend, my partner in everything, and I can't wait to see her as a mom. Caring for, guiding, and cherishing our child with all the love and joy she brings into my life every day.



OUR DREAMS FOR OUR CHILD



We both grew up in families grounded in love, respect, and hard work, and those values guide the kind of parents we hope to be. As the youngest in large families, we've had the joy of watching our siblings raise their children and of being closely involved in the lives of our ten nieces and nephews. Being their "favorite aunt and uncle," and godparents to five children, has given us a meaningful glimpse into what it truly means to support and guide a child.

Although we haven't experienced parenthood yet, the children in our lives have prepared our hearts. They've taught us patience, consistency, and the importance of making a child feel seen and loved. Our dream is to create a warm, open, and supportive home where our child feels safe, celebrated, and deeply loved.



THANK YOU

For taking the time to get to know us. We hold you in our thoughts with gratitude, hope, and deep respect for the heart behind your choice.

